Mr. President: The answer was given. No special qualifications are prescribed.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether the working of the Bench Courts as are now constituted, be empowered with greater powers than they are now given.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* That matter requires consideration.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* There are certain powers that are already given and additional powers were granted in 1102. If the work of the Bench Court is very satisfactory, will the Government kindly consider the conferment of greater powers to them?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* If there is any necessity the Government will consider the question.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* I understand that greater powers are given to the Bench Court by British and Travancore—I am subject to correction. If so and if the bench courts here are working satisfactorily, the Government may consider the feasibility of giving them greater powers.

ANCHAL AND REGISTRATION DEPARTMENTS—CASTE-WAR STATEMENT OF PEONS

340. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many peons were there in the Anchal and the Registration Departments in 1114;

(*b*) their religion and caste?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Anchal Department
(Includes mail peons or Anchalmen) .. 130
Registration Department .. 76

(*b*) **ANCHAL DEPARTMENT**

Hindu-Nayar	.. 88
Other Hindu	.. 2
Do. (Backward or Depressed Classes)	.. 5
Hindu-Ezhuva	.. 3
Muslim	.. 1
Christian—Romo-Syrian	.. 20
,, Latin-Catholic	.. 7
,, Other-Christian	.. 4
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REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Hindu-Nayar	.. 53
,, Tamil Brahmin	.. 1
,, Ezhuva	.. 1
,, Pulaya	.. 1
Other Hindu	.. 1
Do. (B. or D.)	.. 8
Muslim	.. 1
Christian—Romo-Syrian	.. 6
,, Latin-Catholic	.. 1
,, Other-Christian	.. 3
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Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government go through the list and see whether, especially the depressed classes and other people, whose number is very small, are encouraged little more than it is done at present? Out of 130 in the Anchal Department, 88 are Hindu-Nayars and backward 5. As a matter of fact, they, the backward communities, are especially more suited for this kind of work. Their claims may also be considered. The figures do not appear to be quite up to the mark, regard being had to the representation that is to be given to the various classes. I would request the Government that their case should be considered much more favourably than the others.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* How is that out of 130 appointments only one goes to the Muslim Community? *(laughter)*

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* I want an answer to that.

Mr. President: Would you be satisfied with peon's posts?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* We want to be employed in all grades. Peonship is preferable to unemployment. My further question is whether the feature indicated by these figures is not typical of Muslim representation in the services, both high and low.

Mr. President: Therefore this is really a heritage from the past and especially in the case of peons, I think, they retire only at 60. Therefore once a peon enters into service it will take a long time for his retirement. With a view to redress the communal inequalities, I think, we have issued a circular to all the departmental heads that in the matter of recruitment of peons and menial servants, special consideration should be given to those unrepresented communities who otherwise would not get any chance of getting into the

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clerical service. The proportion of recruitment during the last 2—3 years may be taken for consideration and then a judgment passed. Out of these 88 Nairs, 80 might have been in service for many years past. We cannot send them away.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* My complaint is that the claims of the Muslim community has not been considered not only for the appointment of peons, but also in all the grades in the service. Will the Government be pleased to sympathetically consider the necessity of giving representation for the Muslims in all the grades in the Government Service?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Government have been considering.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May we know how many appointments have been made among the peons during the last one year?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I cannot give any information.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I may be permitted to submit that in the Anchal and Registration Departments the posts of peons are given to those who furnish security. Most of the depressed classes are not in a position to furnish security. In their case a concession may be made either by giving exemptions to such communities or a small proportion of their pay may be deposited and thus in course of time the security may be arranged to be wholly deposited.

Mr. President: In the case of appointments to which securities are required, Government are not prepared to make any difference between a backward community and others. The acceptance of this principle will mean that the backward community can be trusted whereas the others cannot be.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Do the Government consider that the security cannot be recovered from their pay?

Mr. President: I must make it perfectly clear that all the Departmental heads have been instructed that in the case of recruitment of peons and menials special consideration must be shown to the depressed classes and unrepresented communities. The Government are not prepared to make any exemption in the case of appointments to which securities are required.

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Mr. President: Anything that has been in force will not be changed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Out of 130 at least one Muslim has got an appointment. May I know why not a single Brahmin has been appointed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Probably no Brahmin cared to apply.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* May I know the number of Brahmins carrying a salary of 100 rupees and above in our service.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Refer to the Civil List, please.

GOVERNMENT OF COCHIN ACT—RULES UNDER SECTION 13—ISSUE OF

341. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether Rules have been framed under section 13 of the Government of Cochin Act to regulate the nominations to the membership of the Legislative Council?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Rules have been framed under section 13 (1) of the Government of Cochin Act for the election and nomination of members.

STAFF SELECTION BOARD—FIRST DOZEN APPLICANTS—APPOINTMENT OF

342. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the first dozen applicants to the Staff Selection Board, and whether all of them have been provided for?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* The names are given below.—

(1) V. K. Padmini Amma (Nayar).
(2) K. Kallianikutty Amma (do.)
(3) M. Kesava Menon (do.)
(4) A. Kumara Menon (do.)
(5) P. Balarama Menon (Nayar)
(6) P. R. Sankaran (Ezhuva).
(7) I. A. George (Latin Catholic).
(8) K. C. Raman Menon (Nayar).
(9) N. Leelavathi Amma (Other Hindu).
(10) V. Leela Amma (Nayar).
(11) N. S. Dharmarajan (Tamil Brahmin).
(12) K. I. Achyutan (Ezhuva).

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